

24. The method according to claim 23, wherein the salt of CLA is an alkali or alkaline earth metal soap, or a nitrogen-containing salt.

25. The method according to claim 21, wherein the composition is in the form of cream, gel, lotion, oil or spray.

26. The method according to claim 21, wherein the composition further comprises one or more anti-cellulite agents.

27. The method according to claim 26, wherein the anti-cellulite agent is a xanthine.

28. The method according to claim 27, wherein the anti-cellulite agent is selected from the group consisting of caffeine, theophylline, theobromine, aminophylline and mixture thereof.

29. The method according to claim 21 further comprises a vanadium compound.

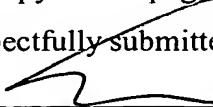
REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are herein canceled and replaced with new claims 11-29. The new claims correspond to the subject matter of the canceled claims but are presented in the form which conforms with the current practice under the United States Patent Law. No new matter is added.

No fee is believed to be due for this amendment. Should any fee be required, please charge it and any other fee that may be required or appropriate in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this page is enclosed.

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